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1. I CONTACTED UNHCR SADRUDDIN UPON RECEIPT OF REFTL, REACHING HIM AT HOME. HE EXPRESSED SOME CONSTERNATION AT REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS VISIT TO HANOI, SINCE HIS ASSISTANT SHOULD NOW BE IN GUAM AND IN CONTACT WITH MRS. TAFT. SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE COURSE OF THE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION HE INDICATED FEAR ABOUT "CROSSING OF CIRCUITS" AND PROMISED TO PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS IN MEETING WHICH, PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTL, WE HAD SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW.

2. SADRUDDIN REFERRED TO JOINT COMMUNIQUE RELEASED IN HANOI COVERING TALKS WITH BOTH DRV AND PRG AUTHORITIES. BOTH AUTHORITIES STILL WANT UNHCR TO ACT AS INTERMEDIARY FOR ALL GROUPS OUTSIDE VIET-NAM AND THEY REITERATED PRINCIPLE THAT ALL ARE WELCOME. THERE IS NO MENTION HOWEVER OF TIMING AND SADRUDDIN WHO SAID HE PRESSED FOR ACTION AS QUICK AS POSSIBLE UNABLE TO CONVINCE VIETNAMESE TO MOVE FAST. FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS THEY PLAN TO START PROCESSING WITH WOMEN AND CHILDREN,
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WHICH SHOULD BEGIN "FAIRLY SOON." TIMING FOR REPATRIATION

OF MALES IS LESS CERTAIN, BUT PRINCIPLE OF REPATRIATION
CLEARLY ESTABLISHED.

3. WHILE SADRUDDIN WAS IN VIENTIANE, HE LEARNED OF
CASE OF 21 REFUGEES WHO SHOWED UP IN VIENTIANE AT DRV
EMBASSY. THIS CREATED CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION, AND
REFUGEES WERE SHUTTLED BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN UNHCR
OFFICE AND DRV EMBASSY BEFORE DECISIONS WERE MADE ON
PICKING UP TAB AND HANDLING THIS SPECIAL GROUP.
SADRUDDIN CITED THIS AS EXAMPLE OF WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN
IF ANY OF REFUGEES ON GUAM WERE TO TAKE PRECIPITATE
ACTION. HE NOTED THAT IN SUCH CASE UNHCR COULD NOT
TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND THAT SUCH PRECIPITATE ACTION
COULD JEOPARDIZE ENTIRE PROGRAM.

4. SADRUDDIN HAS RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL INVITATION FROM
THE PRG TO PROCEED TO SAIGON BEFORE THE END OF THE
YEAR AT WHICH TIME GOVERNMENT HOPES TO REGULARIZE
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS. HE
CITED THIS AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE FIRM COMMITMENT WHICH
HE SAYS BOTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT HAVE TAKEN WITH
RESPECT TO REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES. HE ENDED
BY EXPRESSING REGRET THAT HE COULD NOT PROCEED
TO GUAM TO MEET MRS. TAFT AND NOTED THAT HE WOULD
BE IN NEW YORK OCTOBER 18 AND AVAILABLE TO PROCEED
TO WASHINGTON THEREAFTER.DAL

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